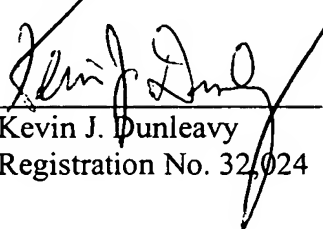


The Election of Species Requirement

With respect to the subject matter of independent claim 1, the Examiner's election of species requirement does not appear to make sense since claim 1 does not expressly require the polymers containing hydrophobic groups, alkaline neutralizing agents or cyclodextrins mentioned by the Examiner. However, since the applicant is required to elect a species for examination, the applicant elects the species of the method of claim 1, which includes vitamin D₃ as the compound that inhibits cell differentiation and ascorbyl palmitate as the antioxidant. Claims 1-37 read on the elected species.

Favorable consideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is requested. A speedy and favorable first Office Action on merit is respectfully solicited.

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